

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 241

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A RESOLUTION to honor Ken and Marca Young for their contributions to Christian music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to commend those exceptional artists who, through their extraordinary musical talents, have earned the respect and admiration of their peers and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Ken and Marca Young, whose contributions to Christian music span three decades; and

WHEREAS, Ken Young was born on August 18, 1956, in Natalia, Texas, to Kenneth and Betty Young; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Lubbock Christian University in 1978; he continued his studies at Texas Tech University, where he earned a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Marca Young was born on May 30, 1958, in Odessa, Texas, to Bill and Fran Wilson; she holds a secretarial degree from Lubbock Christian University; and

WHEREAS, married for forty years and residing in Franklin, Ken and Marca Young have led more than 300 worship conferences and seminars in eighteen states and eight countries, with audiences as large as 15,000; and

WHEREAS, the Youngs' numerous accomplishments include the production of more than thirty albums and the publication of 150 songs, including *Songs for Children 1* and *Songs of Faith and Praise*, that are sung in worship services around the world; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ken and Marca Young operate their own nonprofit Christian music ministry, where Mrs. Young serves as office manager and vice president; Mr. Young also

serves as a worship consultant with various churches and as worship minister for Western Hills Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ken Young's extraordinary accomplishments as a songwriter, publisher, and worship leader have garnered him a number of awards through the years, including the Howard Publishing Service Award; the Pepperdine University Distinguished Christian Service Award; the K.C. Moser Christian Service Award from his alma mater, Lubbock Christian University; and the National Leadership Award from The National Republican Congressional Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ken and Marca Young have been blessed with two children: Cole (Allyson) Young and Kelci (Anthony) Bills, both of whom sing in their parents' music ministry; and six grandchildren: Brynlee, Landon, Emma Jean, Bennett, Sawyer, and Hunter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Young's influence on Christian music is truly incomparable, with their music and ministry inspiring generations; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ken and Marca Young for their many contributions to Christian music; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Ken and Marca Young for their significant contributions to Christian music and extend to them our best wishes for much success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.